CONCERNING THE FIGHTERS

Chapter of Opinion and Comment on the Lights of Pugilism.

SOLLY SMITH'S CHANCES WITH DIXON

Lively Go is Certain, but the Present Champion Seems to Have the Better Prospects of Winning the Match.

George Dixon and Solly Smith have been matched again. They will meet some time next menth before one of the Frisco clubs thoroughly cognizant of the deluge of rot fit for preparation each year. Early in hog does about algebra. It is this class of otees of the sport. penny-a-liners who have Dixon whipped every time he makes a match, long before the fight takes place. They show how his retrogression has been slow but sure, and what a marvel his prospective opponent really is. Then, after the little Haligonian has trimmed his man, they knew it all along, and explain what an over-rated can-didate the subjected individual really was. For instance, a Boston scribe writes: "Judging from the decisive manner in which Joe Walcott negotiated George Green in San Francisco Thursday night, I am inclined to believe that the colored wonder has recovered some of his old-time form. 1 was rather sweet on Green's chances for defeating Walcott, and pointed out at the time that the rapid advance of the Californian during the last year, coupled with the evidences of retrogression on the part of Walcott as shown in his fights with Lavigne and Tommy West, should in the natural course of events return him a win-ner. A glance over the reports of the con-test telegraphed east would indicate that Green made the common mistake of at-tempting to slug with Walcott, with the usual result that this mistake in judg-ment caused his defeat, as it did others who tried it. At times during the battle Green used his left, and when he did he forced the exchanges and did the better work. But Walcott was too strong for him apparently and wore him down with a series of heavy swings, finally settling the of heavy swings, finally settling the matter beyond doubt with a smash that sent Green into somnolence. The victory of Walcott gives him the right to be considered the peer of all men in his division, his only known contender being Billy Smith, with whom he fought a draw at Music hall two years ago. and who, I have no doubt, is willing to arrange another meeting with him. At least I judge so from the broad defl recently issued by Smith to any 144-pound man in the world for the championship of that class. Smith arrange a match with Walcott, and if they do the mill will certainly give the spectators the hardest run for their money they ever The foregoing is a good sample of the sort of guff I refer to. This fellow believes the colored wonder has recovered some of his old time form—he was sweet on Green's chances, and pointed out George Green other than what he has gathered from the newspapers, or he would never have selected him to beat Walcott, in or out who is not only nutty, but as dirty a fighter Lavigne or McPartland could have knocked his head off in a round. He was not only full of booze, but as thin and haggard as a man in the secondary stages of consumption is today I neither know nor care. but I do know that he stands about as much chance of whipping O'Rourke's Barbadoan as Paddy Brennan does of becoming cham-plon of the world. I think Solly Smith will give Dixon a hard fight. That is a foregone conclusion. Their Coney Island meeting was a hummer and since then the little California pine knot has grown sturdier and tougher than ever. But, although I am not from

The McCov-Ryan contest comes off at Syracuse next Wednesday evening. men are reported to be in the highest sort of fettle and a rattling fight is anticipated. Bob Armstrong, the big black on Parson Davics' string, is training Tommy and he is enthusiastic over his chances. He says Ryan is quicker, stronger and better every way than he ever was in his life, and that the Kid will have to let out a few of those phenomenal links alleged to be coiled up in his supine carcase somewhere if he runs away with him. McCoy is not so sanguine as he would have people believe, for he is leaving no stone unturned in preparing himself and declares that if Ryan beats him he will quit the ring. Be that as it may, I do not know exactly why it is, bu leary of Tommy's prospect. McCoy is big and long and clever; he has defeated Ryan once, and all things considered I am afraid he will do it again, but I hope not.

that the little one lives who can lick Dixon.

Big-hearted "Billy Norr," famed the world over for the Chinatown stories he wove around his favorite hero, "Chuck" Connors, died in New York Wednesday of last week of typhoid fever. Norr, at the time of his death, was a member of the sporting staff of the New York World, and, following so soon after the death of Howard Hackett is a sad blow to the sporting fraternity. Norr was a perfect encyclopedia on all sports and his carly training with the Spirit of the Times gave him a wide reputation as an authority in his line. "Bill" always had a good word for a stranger, an encouraging paragraph for a beginner, gave where it was due and condemned condemnation was served. He was, in all that the term implies, a "good fel-low," and will be sincerely mourned by those who were his personal friends.

The national championship meeting held was unquestionably the greatest in the history of America's athletes. All of the east-ern authorities waxed enthusiastic over the brilliancy of the occasion. In point of close and interesting contests it excelled any meet ever held in this country; in point of excellent records it equalled almost any previous meet, excepting only the international games between the New York and London Athletic clubs two years ago. Never before has a larger or better field competed or men been more eminently matched. From all quarters of our continent, from Canada to California, athletes were there. was represented by several capable athletes demonstrated their superiority in th distance runs. California was represented by her greatest hammer thrower, who has become well known to athletic lovers all over the country. The principal delegation was that of the Chicago Athletic club, which took east a team of some ten men, who made a marvelously good record. Indeed, In one of her representatives the main in-

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Most Complexion Powders have a vulgar glare, but Pozzoni's is a true eautifier, whose effects are lasting.

terest of the day centered. J. H. Maybury is credited with remarkable running records in this section of the country, and he west east to meet Champion Wefers in the two sprints, and on these contests the main at-tention was directed. They were spectacular in the extreme, both battles being fought from start to finish, and, though Wefers was the victor in both, the westerner won great esteem by his good work. Wefers won the 100-yard dash in 94-5, the old record, both professional and amateur, and the 220-yard event in 212-5 seconds. This leaves Wefers the unqualified king of the

When the members of the trotting turf count their gains at the end of the season it will be found that the stable of the venerable sage of Buffalo. Cicero J. Hamlin, will have earned more money than any other. that at all strange. Mr. Hamlin's stud comprises 500 head of finely bred horses. With such a large assortment to choose from it for a twenty-round journey. Although a would be strange if he could not pick a half triffe premature, history, statistics and gen- a dozen good ones. Of course a certain pereral form compel me to select Dixon for centage are brood mares and yearlings that the winner. I always was stuck on bona and his trainer, Geers, are not restricted fide champions and I always remain loyal very much in the matter of choice. Probably until they show me a better man. I am Mr. Hamili has on his farm 150 youngsters that has been penciled about Dixon by empty-headed writers during the last two years, but that has no weight whatsoever with me. There are several alleged authori- and considers again that out of that vast tles writing pugilistic stuff for the big number he finds at the end of his labors only eastern dailies who know about as much about a half a dozen of the lot will bear the final test, the lottery of breeding and racing about fighters and the fighting game as a will be the better comprehended by the dev

> OMAHA, Sept. 3.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Great is Star Pointer and great is the family of Hal! While everyone expected before the season closed that Star Pointer would pace a mile in two minutes, few, if any persons prophesied that he would lower that mark by three-quarters of a second and the pacing record by a full second and a half. The unprecedented feat is not only a national. but an international event, and demonstrates that in no portion of the globe has the light harness horse been brought to such a state of perfection as in the United States. Nor will the record of 1:59% at the pace be long allowed to remain undisturbed. The American harness horse as a breed is not half a century old. Time and improvement in breeding will do wonders for him, and the day may not be far distant when the difference in time between the runner and the pacer will only be the matter of a few secnds.-B. B. B.

Spalding's Official Foot Ball Guide, which is the acknowledged authority on the game in America, has just been issued for the season of 1897. The Guide has been compiled by Walter Camp, the noted foot ball authority, and contains many interesting and instructive articles for both the novice and the seasoned player. A. Alonzo Stagg, physical director of the Chicago university also contributes an interesting article foot ball in the west. Besides the rules, of the Guide, the book also contains numerous portraits of all the leading players and records of most of the colleges in the United

Bob Wren is an American and American are proud of him, as they are of all her champions. He is the champion racquet wielder, not only of this blessed land, but of is now in this city and will probably try to the world, a title he nobly earned at the recent championship match in international lawn tennis at Newport. Dr. W. V. Eaved the Englishman, was Wrenn's opponent Naturally the contest assumed an interna-tional touch when the man from England faced the man from America in the battle for honors. Everybody was anxious to see the blue ribbon of tennis stay on this side of how rapid had been his improvement and the water, and the interest was intense how the shade had gone back. The fact is Dr. Eaves played a marvelous game against this man knows absolutely nothing about the champion and received his full share of the champion and received his full share of aplause, but Robert Wrenn was well-nigh invincible. It rock him but five sets to de-cide where the championship is to stay, at have selected him to beat Walcott, in or out of form. I saw Green licked within an inch of his life by comical old Paddy Smith, and again I saw him whip another member of the Smith family, yelept Mysterious Billy, time it was Goodbody who laid claims to it. time it was Goodbody who laid claims to it as ever stepped into a ring. He was no more fit to go against any good, healthy man of his class the day he met Green than old Mike Boden is fit to battle with Fitzsimmons.

Mike Boden is fit to battle with Fitzsimmons. Goodbody, like Eaves, had won the all-comcomers' prize, while he himself wrote his name upon the big three-handled cup offered by the National Lawn Tennis associa tion for the championships.

Every one who makes any pretense of being a cricketer has heard of Prince Ranjitsinhje, or as the average Johnny Bull calls him, "Ramsgate Jimmy." The prince is without a doubt the greatest living cricketer today, and the great and only W. G. Grace never saw the day when he was superior to this dusky wonder. A though to do the "grand old man" justice, Missouri, as I remarked before, you will will acknowledge that he now, although wel have to show me before I will acknowledge up in the fifties, is good for his century will acknowledge that he now, although well any day. The members of the Omaha Cricket Club would do well if they read the following article carefully. This is what prince has to say about that part of the game which is so often neglected: "The importance of good fielding is very

easy to demonstrate. Each catch that

missed simply adds another batsman to the opposite side. If five catches are dropped, the side that drops them has to all intent and purposes fifteen men to dispose of instead of ten; and each man who thus receives a second inning starts with the advantage of more or less got used to the light and the state of the wicket. Again, let us suppose that each man on a side gives away in each innings three runs which he might have saved by a little more dash and keenness. Not only has the opposite side thirty-three more runs added to its score vithout the trouble of making them by its own efforts, but the side which gave runs away has thirty-three more runs to get han they need have had, and consequently has given itself much the greater chance o meeting with bad luck. A run saved is more than a run gained; it is a run that need no be got. Runs vary in value It is infinitely more than three times harder to get 150 runs than it is to get fifty. It is infinitely easier for an individual to save twenty runs by good fielding than it is for him to make twenty by good batting. In a particular match the best batsman in the world may twice fail to score. Suppose he is a bad fielder, and gives away, as he well might if fielding in the country, twenty-five runs each inning. Not only has he made no runs himself, but has burdened the rest of his side with the necessity of making fifty runs more than they otherwise would have required. He has practically deducted fifty runs from the score of his side. Let us imagine that but for his bad fielding there would have been only 100 runs to get to win. As it is, there are 150. Clearly, as far as concerns him, fifty runs must be scored before one is counted. In a way, the strength of a fielding side must be measured by its weakest member, as that of a chain by its weakest link. Whenver there s a really bad fielder on a side more balls seem to go to him than to any one Put him where you will, he seems to attract the ball. If there is a catch to be caught that would win the match it seems always to seek the hands of the weaker brother. If he misses it the efforts of the side are all spoilt and rendered futile. Mistake, cannot always be avoided, but with proper measures taken their frequency may

be astenishingly diminished." WHIST NOTES.

There vas an enthusiastic business meeting of the Omaha Whist club on Wednesday evening for the purpose of electing officers As the result of the election, the following offic rs will run the club during the ensuing President, Captain S. R. Jones.

year President, Captain S. R. Jones, U. S. A.; vice president, B. J. Scannell; secretary and treasurer, Stockton Heth; executive committee, Colonel J. M. Marshall, U. S. A., S. M. Stanford, H. D. Reed, W. H. Rushman.

The annual report of the secretary and treasurer shows a total membership of fifty-one, a net gain of twenty during the year. It also showed a comfortable cash balance in the treasury, with no outstanding debts. Altogether the club is in a most flourishing condition and the enthusiasm of its members continually on the increase. To continue the interest and improve the quality of the game it was resolved to purchase a suitable trophy, to be contested for each Saturday night by teams of four. A committee consisting of B. J. Scannell, Dr. Sumney and H. B. Meikle was appointed to select the trophy and prepare the necessary rules governing the contests. The buttons will still be contested for on Wednesday nights, and if the interest in the buttons in proportion te the interest in the buttons

the club will soon be required to extend its accommodations. In the meantime the whist players of Omaha and elsewhere are cordially invited to visit the rooms of the club, 312 Bee building, on Wednesday and Salurday nights.

The scores for the two nights of the past week were as follows: ek were as follows WEDNESDAY.

North and southdorsman and Redick .
Jurrell and Sumney ...
hipley and Comstock ...
darshall and Allee ...
bushman and Thomas ...
bouglas and Haman ...
tubbs and Funkhouser ...
Average teed and Rinehart. Average Jordan and Lawrence Bird and Bruner. Cahn and Scannell. Heth and Stanford. ummer and Joplin.

North and South-lomstock and Sumney, larnes and Rinehart, turrell and Heth..... Coakley and Lawrence. Average East and west-Jones and Scannell.

Morsman and Jordan.
Dickey and Douglas.
Pope and Bird.
Garner and Coe. Average The scores of the ten highest for the two nonths ending August 31 are as follows:

 Names.
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 60 Jones.
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 Rinehart
 56 Beindorff.
 Marshall.
 50 Scannell.

 Allee.
 47 Scribner, G. O.
 Meikle
 Shipley
 The following hand played at the club or Saturday night is one of the best illustrations of whist conversation that could be given, and while the play was not perfect the errors counterbalanced each other in such a way that east and west made "slam." At some tables only ten tr were taken; the hand is worth twelve:

Scores

S.-S, 7, D.-Q J, 10, 7, 6, 4, C.-10, 4, 3, H.-Q, 5, S.—Q, 9, 5, D.—A. C.—K, 8, 7, 2, H.—J, 10, 7, 6, 4. S.-A, J. 4. 3. w.E. S.—K, 10, 6, 2, D.—K, 9, 8, 5, 3, 2, C.—Q, 9, H.—9. King of clubs turned, sout hand was played as follows: south to lead.

At trick 1 south opened his long suit of diamonds. West having four trumps and no diamonds, started a call for trump with four of spades. Inferences for east were that west had four trumps and was strong in hearts; for south that lack and ten of diamonds were in north's hand. At thick 2 cart leads a heart while was the received so he plays the eight of hearts, letting east win trick 9 with the seven. South made an error at trick 9 in discarding a spade; he should have discarded his king of d amonds. At trick 10 east should have led his queen of snades and not have forced west to finesse against two cards. If south had kept his spades he would have made one trick in the suit.

SCORES OF THE WESTERN LEAGUE

Columbus Outplays the Saints and Wins a Game Ensity. COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 5.—The Senators outplayed the Saints today and won in easy style, though the locals were outbatted.

dumbus, Rettger and Buckley; St. Paul, syle and Spies. GRAND BAPIDS, Sept. 5.—Big John Gan-

Grand Rapids .. 2 4 0 0 2 0 1 0 1 3-13
Kansas City.... 5 0 1 2 1 0 0 1 0 0-10
Base hits: Grand Rapids 14; Kansas City,
4. Errors: Grand Rapids, 4; Kansas City,
4. Batteries: Grand Rapids, Barnett, Pappalau and Twineham; Kansas City, Pardee nd Haffert. MILWAUKEE, Sept. 5.—The Tigers were asy today, and the Brewers had no trouble n winning. Terry pitched a great game, while Thomas was knocked out of the box

in the second inning and substituted by Wadsworth, who fared little better. Score Milwaukee 1 3 0 2 1 3 0 2 *— Detroit 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 — Base hits: Milwaukee, 16; Detroit, 6. Errors: Milwaukee, 2; Detroit, 6. Batteries: Milwaukee, Terry and Speer; Detroit, Thomas, Wadsworth and McCauley.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS. Played. Won. Lost. P.C Indianapolia clumbus

Kansas City 126 38 88 and Games today; Milwaukee at Detroit (two games), Minneapolis at Indianapolis (two games), St. Paul at Columbus (two games). Kansas City at Grand Rapids.

Western Association Scores. PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 5.-Score:

Des Moines2 1 4 1 1 1 0 0 0-1 St. Joseph 0 0 1 1 0 4 0 0 0-6 Base hits: Des Moines, 13; St. Joseph, 8. Errors: Des Moines, 7; St. Joseph, 1. Bat-terles: Des Moines, Mauck and Lohman; St. Joseph, Meredith and Hausen. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Sept. 5.—Score: Cedar Rapids0 1 0 0 2 1 0 1 3-Rockford0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Base hits; Quincy, 13; Burlington, 9. Errors; Quincy, 16; Burlington, 3. Batteries; Quincy, Wanamaker and Greer; Burlington, Belden and Berryhill.

Exhibition Game at Providence. PROVIDENCE, Sept. 5.-Cincinnati and Pawtucket played an exhibition game at Crescent park today and the Reds won as they pleased by batting McCafferty all over the field. When his team had secured a safe lead Dwyer let up some and Pawtucket did some slugging. The fielding of Slouch, the stops by Irwin and Coughlin and a catch of a short fly by Miller were the fielding fea-tures. Attendance, 1,600. Score: Cincinnati 3 3 2 0 1 0 1 4 *-14 Pawtucket 0 0 0 1 2 1 0 2 2-8

Base hits: Cincinnati, 24; Pawtucket, 17. Errors: Cincinnati, 4; Pawtucket, 3. Bat-teries: Cincinnati, Dwyer and Peltz; Paw-tucket, McCafferty, Buelow and News. AMONG THE LIVELY AMATEURS

Fairfield Defeats Fremont.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., Sept. 5.—(Special.)— The Fremont Ball club met defeat at the hands of the locals in their game yesterday. It was a hard fight from start to finish. On account of disagreeable weather the attendance was light. Score: Errors: Fairfield, 7: Fremont, 8. Bat-terles: Fairfield, Athey and Hull: Fremont, Marshall and Jamison.

Exhibition Game. FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 5 .- (Exhibion game.) Score: Fort Wayne 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 3-4 Minneapolis 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

National League Games Today Each National league team will play two games today, according to the following schedule: Pittsburg at Baltimore, Cleve- where he takes charg land at Philadelphia, Cincinnati at Boston, Rock Island railway.

Louisville at Wallington, Chicago at Brook-lyn, St. Louis at New York. WILL GO AGAINST WEFERS AGAIN. Maybury and Rush to Meet the Cham-pion Mirinter Once More.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Arrangements have been completed for the sports of the New Jersey Athletic club, which will be held or the club grounds tomorrow. Great interest centers in the appearance in the sprints of Champion Wefers and the two western cracks, J. H. Maybury and J. R. Rush of the Chicago attrette association. These three will meet in the 100-yard dash. The western boys, although taking their defeat in the national elimpionship in true sportsmanlike manners and offering no excusses, feel that before returning home they would like one more chance at the champion. The 100-yard dash is a handicap affair, and the Chicago men have been given a foot and a half each on Wefers, but the event in which they are most interested is the 250-yard special race, in which all three will again figure. It is in this race that the boys are placing most of their hopes, as they are generally considered to be better performers at that distance. The Chicago boys have been training faithfully at Travers island, and have become acclimated since the championships and consequently have hopes of defeating Wefers.

At the national championship meeting August 28 the judges decided that J. H. Maybury and J. R. Rush ran a dead heat for the second place, Chairman Fishbury of the Chicago Athletic association has arranged that Messrs Rush and Maybury will run this heat off tomorrow. This will be the first event tomorrow. centers in the appearance in the sprints of

EXCURSIONIST FALLS FROM TRAIN.

Dennis Sullivan Meets with an Accident on Way Home from Omaha. MILLARD, Neb., Sept. 5 .- (Special Telegram.)-Dennis Sullivan of Spaulding, Neb. who was a passenger on one of the excursion trains into Omaha today, fell from the train on the return trip about a mile and a quarter east of here this evening. He was picked up an hour later by another train and brought to Millard. Dr. Link was sum-moned and found he had sustained a broken collar bone and a severe injury in the left side. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha by an eastbound train soon after-

ANTELOPE COUNTY REPUBLICANS. Strong Ticket Named by the Conven-

tion on Saturday. NELIGH, Neb., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—The republican county convention of Antelope county, which was held yesterday, was attended by complete delegations from nearly every township in the county. A strong ticket was nominated and its probable election is conceded flattering by conservative men of all parties. The candidates are: County treasurer, J. W. Voorhees; county clerk, W. H. Cormeny; sheriff, F. E. Palmer; judge, J. V. Brazle; superintendent, E. E. Beckwith; surveyor, C. F. Bayha.

German Lutheran Missionfest FREMONT, Neb., | Sept. 5.-(Special.)-The derman Lutherans held their annual missionest at the grove east of the Orphans' Home on Military avenue today. The weather was ill that could be desired, and a large number f people were present, many farmers d iv ing in from Washington county. The morning sermon was by Rev. Mr. Lange of St. Louis, who is connected with the missionary department of the church. The music was by a large chorus choir and by a band connected with Rev. Mr. Wilgendorf's church at A lington. This afternoon Rev. Mr. Wilgen-lorf of Arlington preached. The usual col-lections were taken, both morning and after-noon, and a good-sized sum was raised for

record for the month of August, 1897. Farm twice the amount of the filings, which shows that the farmers are paying off their notes instead of renewing. Following is the record: Farm mortgages filed, twenty-one, \$21,348.25; same released, thirty-three \$21,348.25; same thirty-three \$28.877.25; town and city mortgages filed hirteen, \$4,652.50; same released, two, \$594; mortgages filed, seventy-two chattel 31,623.47; same released, twenty-seven, \$50,790.

Close Call for a Mill. BEEMER, Neb., Sept. 5 .- (Special.)-There was quite a scare in town last night about o'clock. A spark from the engine of a ast stock train set fire to the grass near the Beemer roller mills. The cry of fire rought fifty men there at once with buckets ire extinguishers, etc., and it was soon pu

The old settlers' picnic will be held at Beemer Central park next Thursday, September 9. Ex-Governor Crounse, Hon. E. K. Valentine, Father William McNamara of Omaha and others are the speakers. A genuine ox roast will be one of the features of the day. A large crowd is expected.

Columbus School Teachers. COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 5 .- (Special.)-The school board met yesterday and elected Miss Nellie Lynch of Platte Center to suc eed Miss Ida Martin, who tendered her resignation last week to accept a position in the schools at Colorado Springs. The schools open here tomorrow with Prof. W. J. Williams as superintendent and Profs. Leavey Campbell and Weaver as principals of the various wards. There have been very few hanges in the staff of teachers from that of last year. The average enrollment for this s about 800, but it is thought this figure will be much exceeded this year.

Ripens the Corn Crop. COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 5 .- (Special.)-The venther the last ten days has been exactly what the corn needed in this vicinity to riper and mature. Some of it is even now out of favorable weather will put nearly all of the corn out of danger. The crop will be unusually heavy in Old Platte this year, and many fields are estimated by competent judges to yield from sixty-five to seventy bushels per acre, and fifty to fifty-five bushels is very common. There promises to be a large acreage of small grain in this county this

Comes Back from Louisiana. COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 5 .- (Special.)-Frank Falbaum, an old-time Columbus boy, who for the last six years has had a position in New Orleans, returned to this city yes-terday and will resume his old place as head bookkeeper for the Columbus Milling company. Mr. Falbaum says that he does not like the climate in the cotton state and is perfectly willing and satisfied to cast his lot in Nebraska which, he says, is the best country he saw on the trip.

Twenty-Second Infantry in Camp. FREMONT, Sept. 5 .- (Special.)-The first battalion of the Twenty-second infantry from Fort Crook, consisting of four companies under the command of Major Van Horn, passed through here this morning on their practice march. The battalion camped last at the Winship farm, seven miles east of town, and is in camp this afternoon at Ames. Many people went out to their camp this afternoon in carriages and on bicycles.

Jefferson County Fair. FAIRBURY, Neb., Sept. 5 .- (Special.)-The Jefferson county fair, which opens September 7 and continues to the 10th, promises to be the most successful one ever held here. All the troiting and pacing races are filled with from five to seven starters in each. The bicycle races on the 9th and 10th are filling well, there being seven entries in each handicap event.

Change in Fairbury's Council. FAIRBURY, Neb., Sept. 5 .- (Special.)-A. . Davis has been appointed alderman for the First ward, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Councilman Bogart. Mr. Hogart has removed to Colorado Springs, where he takes charge of a division of the

EXPOSITION ENGLAND

Dudley Smith Writes of His Reception in

Johnny Bull's Country.

CREATES INTEREST IN THE ENTERPRISE

Government Never Recognizes Expositions, but Appropriates Money for Some Commercial Organization to Make Exhibits.

Dudley Smith, commissioner general for the Transmississippi Exposition to England, has written to the Department of Exhibits a very interesting letter concerning his doings since arriving in the "tight little island," which is becewith printed in full: I arrived in London on August 5 after a most delightful trip across the Atlantic. The captain informed me that they had not had as smooth a passage this year, so I was very fortunate in deciding upon the North German Lloyd steamship Lahn. I formed some very pleasant acquaintances, who have been of considerable assistance to me since my arrival.

for the second place, Chairman Fishbury of the Chicago Athletic association has arranged that Mesers Rush and Maybury will run this heat off tomorrow. This will be the first event tomorrow. This will be the first event tomorrow. The following are the entries for the 160-mile bleycle road race tomorrow from Lexington, Ky., to Covington, Ky., in the interstate championship contest, for which ten prizes are offered B. H. Wilderduck, C. E. Uadand, J. E. Cussort, W. H. Horner, L. C. Laughfelt, H. Hock, M. Higgins, H. Gieskeineyer, J. Carson, L. C. Henry, C. O. Alpdike, R. L. Hardiman, J. D. Hamilton.

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bian exposition. He stated further that the government never directly recognized any exposition, but when it decided to interest itself it would make an appropriation to the Board of Trade, or some such similar organization, which would take the matter up and appoint a commission.

Hon. George Curzon, foreign minister, who I am yet to see, left immediately on the adjournment of Parliament for Scotland, and will not return until September I. I have called upon Hon. Spencer Walpole, secretary of the postoffice, who was very pleasant and said he would do what he could to make my mission a success. I also spent one afternoon with Mr. Thomas J. Lipton (on Mr. Davitt's introduction) and he virtually promised me a Ceylon exhibit and tually promised me a Ceylon exhibit and said he would take the matter up with the representatives from India and he thought he could secure me an exhibit from there

MISSES THE KING OF SIAM. On receipt of your cable I called on the Siamese legation, but found the king of Siam had gone to Scotland, the minister Same segation, but found the Ring of Siam had gone to Scotland, the minister accompanying htm. After explaining the object of my visit to the under secretary he agreed to take the matter up with the king and minister on their return. I also paid my respects to our ambassador, Colonel Hay, and our consul general, Colonel William McKinley Osborne, both of whom received me very cordially.

All the above occurred during my first week, and learning that the great week of the Brussels exposition would occur last week I left last Friday week for Brussels and was over there eight days, where I had the pleasure of meeting Prof. Gore, Jean Verhaegen, Colonel Charles J. Murphy, all of whom are interested in our exposition. I also had the pleasure of meeting the king of Belgium, who was doing the exposition during my visit.

of Belgium, who was doing the exposition during my visit.

The newspaper La Petit Bleu has quite an extensive exhibit on the grounds, showing the process of first grinding up blocks of wood, then the different stages through which it passes until we see a light-blue paper, which finally comes out on rolls, from which is printed La Petit Bleu, also the linotype machines. Everything from blocks of wood to a completen printed newspaper is shown in their exhibit. Mr. Harry, the editor, was very kind to me, and had set up in the machine the following: "Welcome to Hon. Dudley Smith of Nebraska to the La Petit Bleu," which he afterward gave to me as a souvenir.

The American exhibit at the exposition is very small, although a number of manufacturers have exhibits here. Great Britain is festive and that the contraction is festive and that the second contraction is selected.

iections were taken, both morning and afternoon, and a good-sized sum was raised for missions of the church.

Platte County Mortgage Record.
COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Platte county has made another very creditable showing in its mortgage indebtedness record for the month of August, 1897. Farm

VISIT. THE HOLLAND EXPOSITION

empire, which includes the streets of Cairo, He had quite a good exhibit and is quite anxious to come to our exposition.

VISIT THE HOLLAND EXPOSITION.

They tell me here that after Parliament adjourns people leave the city as though there was a pestilence abroad in the land and do not get back until the middle or last of September. So I may go over to Holland next week, as there is an exposition going on there, and next week is the great fete week, being the queen's birthday, and as that exposition closes on September I I would not have an opportunity of seeing it unless I go at once, and I am quite anxious to see how the Dutch took Holland. I could write you a book of my doings since my landing, over two weeks ago, and from the above you can see I am doing quite well. A weekly paper here called Table Talk gave me a very nice write-up, and on my showing the editor the last pamphlet received from you, showing sketches of the buildings, he said he would be glad to use those pictures of the buildings in this week's paper; also give quite a write-up of the exposition, which I have been all the afternoon getting up for him. I told him that I would want to send out 400 or 500 coples of this book to all manufacturers and other parties in Great Britain. This I will do as a matter of introduction before sending out blank applications which I brought with me.

I hope to see Mr. Lipton again next Wednesday, when he may be able to decide upon the space wanted for the Ceylon and Indian exhibits. By the way, Mr. Lipton is very friendly to Omaha, as he started the packing house which is now the Cudahy Packing company, and spoke very favorably of Mr. Cudahy, Mr. McShane, Mr. Paxton and other Omaha people.

I have been very well since my arrival and hope this will find everything progressing very satisfactorily as regards the exporition. With kind regards to all, I remain yours very truly,

main yours very truly, DUDLEY SMITH.

CORN FOR TABLE USE. A model kitchen in which will be prepared in a scientific manner Nebraska's staple product, Indian maize, in all its varied forms, is the scheme proposed by Mrs. Harriet S MacMurphy of this city to the Nebraska Ex-position commission. Some of the members of the commission are disposed to look with great favor upon the scheme as being a most valuable means of showing the world the great value of corn as a food for man e well as beast, thereby increasing the de-mand for the crop with which Nebraska can supply the world.

Mrs. MacMurphy's plan contemplates th establishment of a kitchen which shall be

a model for a housewife, fitted with all the most improved culinary apparatus for preparing food in the most scientific manner in this kitchen Mrs. MacMurphy proposes t give daily demonstrations all during the position, showing to all visitors who desire to be informed the results of scientific in vestigations into the art of preparing food for the table in a manner which will insure the best results from the nutrition therein contained. Mrs. MacMurphy proposes to make a specialty of preparing corn for table use and for this purpose she proposes to demon strate by practical methods the very man tempting forms in which this highly nutri tious food may be utilized by man. These delicious preparations will be prepared in plain sight of visitors, and they will the be distributed among the people who desire to have further proof of their excellence. The members of the state commission are disposed to regard this proposition as an excellent one from a business standpoint, as tending to increase the demand for Nebraska's immense corn crops by increasing e consumption of corn meal and corn flour. They have in mind the experiment along this line conducted by the federal government when it sent "Cornmeal" Murphy to Europe to introduce corn to the tables of the of those countries.

This matter will be taken up by the com mission at its meeting tomorrow and some action will be taken on it. SOD HOUSE IN PROSPECT It seems probable that a typical Nebraska

sod house will form a part of the exhibit to be made at the exposition by the Nebraska exposition commission. A suggestion to this effect was made to Governor Holcomb by L. G. Stewart of Omahs, who lives at 241 Wirt street. The governor referred the mat ter to the exposition commission with the suggestion that the proposition really in volved a concession, but the members of the commission are disposed to take another view of it. They take the position that auc an exhibit would properly be a part of a historical exhibit and that it should be oper-ated on that theory. It has been suggested that a genuine sod house should be erected on the grounds as a part of the Nebraska exhibit, and that it should be placed in the

hands of Dan Freeman of Beatrice the man who will occupy a place in the history of Nebraska as the first man in the state to take up a homestead. The suggestion contemplates filling the house with a collection of curios directly connected with the history of the state, forming a most interesting ex-hibit under the direct charge of the state

The matter will receive the attention the commission at its meeting tomorrow. MANY NEBRASKANS VISIT OMAHA.

Fifteen Bundred People Come in on

an Exeursion.
Over 1,500 persons took advantage of the heap rates offered by the Union Pacific railway from various points in the state to Omaha and return yesterday. The second of the series of Sunday excursions into Omaha at the temporarily reduced rate of one fare to lay asphalt pavement in Omalia for \$1.25 greater success than the initial excursion.

The first train to arrive here was that con

of the Union Pacific. The train consisted the cars were filled. It was just five min-utes before high noon when this train rolled into the Union depet. There was quite a crowd of Omahans present to great friends on the incoming excursion, and a number of the excursionists were captured by their pany had been working out in the state dur ing the last week advertising the Sunday excursion, and their efforts had apparently been successful.

The excursionists who did not spend th day with friends in this city put in their time in riding about the city, looking at the principal buildings and the site of the Transmississippi Exposition, visiting Haus-com and Riverview parks, and in viewing the place where a denot ought to be. The Creighton theater matinee was well patron ized in the afternoon, but the parks caught the bulk of the visitors. The street cars were crowded by the excursionists all the afternoon, sad the hotels, lunch houses and cafes served several hundred more dinners than usual on Sunday. There were no espe-cial attractions offered the visitors, and most of them were content to find some cool place or a place as nearly cool as could be found The return trains left this city for the various points from which the excursions were run shortly after 7 o'clock last night.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Ed Ryerson is at the Barker. E. P. Chapman of Chicago is at the Barker Louis Lobe of Rock Island is at the Mil

W. I. Misters of Denver is at the Mil Harry Templin of Palmer is a Barke guest M. T. Ostrom of Pueblo, Colo., is at the Millard.

M. A. Doran of Milwaukee is a guest a the Millard. J. A. Plenny is registered at the Millard from Akron, O. L. E. Smith and N. Wolff of New York are at the Millard. M. Royce and wife of Fremont are regis tered at the Barker,

E. E. Jenkins and G. N. Bailey are Salt Lake citizens at the Millard. C. O. Metzler and W. B. Metzler of Ai bion spect Sunday at the Barker. H. M. Shaeffer and G. G. Furnas of Lincoln are stopping at the Barker. S. H. Bolton, J. F. Shay and W. T. Cald well are Chicago arrivals at the Millard. J. W. Dunkin of Ravenna and M. Taffe of Litchfield can be found at the Bar

Congressman W. P. Henburn of Clarinda is in the city and stopping at the Mil George Spangler left last evening for Re-Cloud, where he will visit friends in a fort-

night A. F. Christian left last night for Chicago, period. Miss Annie Johnson and Miss Minnie lones of Grand Island spent Sunday at the

Barker E. M. Leffang of Lexington and J. ewart of Fremont are Nebraskans at the Millard. J. C. Brown of Alliance, who has been in the city for a few days, left for his home

Willard Yates of Lincoln was in the city yesterday while on his way to Lawrenceville, N. J. Albert McVittle left last night for Hot

springs, S. D., where he will pass a fortnight's vacation. Thomas Flynn of South Omaha left terday for Chicago, where he goes on business for a few days.

Dean and Jose, vaudevilles, with the Woodward Theater company, are registered at the Barker from Chicago. George Siler, jr., son of the man who acted as referee in the Corbett-Fitzsimmons ncounter, is a visitor in the city,

Julius Dahlstrom, chief clerk in the ger eral western agent's office of the Union Pacific at Denver, is in the city on a visit Dennis Sheedy, president of the Glob-

Smelting company of Denver, was in the city yesterday while on his way home from New York City. J. G. Everest, general traveling passen-ger agent for the Milwaukee, with head-quarters in Chicago, left for home last evening after spending several days in Omaha Nebraskans at the hotels: C. J. Anderson Neligh; August Dahlstrom, Ceresco; A. Grimes, Clarks; G. J. Hauptle, Eustls; Dan Bergman, Sidney; J. D. Hamilton, Cedar Rapids; W. B. Edmondson, St. Edward; E. W. Tabor, Kearney; S. S. Hadley, Cedar

False Fire Alarm. Tom Foster, a colored man living at 941 North Twenty-seventh avenue, cut down the pany the officers to the station. weeds in his back yard yesterday and stacked them up near a fence. Some one set the refuse on fire and the neighbors s ing the blaze sent in an alarm to the fire department. No damage was done

Rapids; D. C. Horton, Ewing; B. C. Farner,

Stuart.

Arrested for Assault. Peter Jensen, a shoemaker at 2215 Cuming treet, had some trouble with Ingobar Peterson, a young woman living at the same place, yesterday afternoon and struck her in the face during the heat of the argument. He was arrested for assault and battery,

Present Asphalt Contracts Let at Half the Figure Originally Charged.

MONOPOLY HAS LOST ITS GRIP IN CMAHA

Discovery of New Asphalt Beds One Reason for Reduction, but Competition is Also an Im-

portant Factor.

The fact that contractors are now offering

for the round trip, inaugurated a week ago a yard is a substantial indication of the by the Union Pacific railway, proved a much tremendous profits that were realized in previous years when miles upon miles of taining the excursionists from Grand Island, pavement were laid for more than double Columbus and other points on the main line that figure. While the discovery of new asphalt fields and the consequent demolition of the monopoly previously enjoyed by the Trinidad product, has effected a radical reduction in the price of asphalt, it does not begin to account for the tremendous slump in prices that has been brought about by the present competition between Omaha confriends and taken "home to Sunday dinner." the present competition between Omaha con-The second train contained the excursionists tractors. It is asserted, however, that in from the branch lines and was made up of the old days of big prices, a considerable fifteen ccaches. It arrived here a few minportion of the surplus profits was eaten up utes before 1 o'clock and was quickly followed by a third section of the excursion. The Urion Pacific had sent out thirty cars to be used for yesterday's excursion and the supply was but little greater than the descriptions. to be used for yesterday's excursion and the supply was but little greater than the demand. Three agents of the railway command, the agents of the railway command the property of the propert may have been, the property owners paid the freight, and for twelve years the prices were maintained at very nearly the original figure. The first asphalt pavements were laid in maha in 1883 on Douglas street from the oridge to Sixteenth street, and on Sixteenth street, from Izard to Douglas. The price was 2.98 in each case and the same price ruled in 1884 and 1885, when Cuming street was paved from Sixteenth street to Twentyfifth avenue. In 1884 Dodge street, from Ninth to Sixteenth, and Harney street from Nanth to Fifteenth were paved with \$2.98 asphalt, and in 1885 Capitol avenue was paved between Fourteenth and Sixteenth streets at the same price. In the following year the contractors considerately made reduction of 3 cents a yard and Capitol avenue from Ninth to Fourteenth streets, and various other districts, were paved at \$2.95. Some slight reductions were made in the following four years, but as late as 1890 asphalt was laid for \$2.68. The ruling price in 1890, however, was \$2.48, and the uniformity with which street after street was paved for exactly the same price continued to be a somewhat remarkable feature of work which was supposed to be let on competi-

In the years immediately following the embine managed to bull prices again and by 1892 two districts on Cass street were paved at \$2.81. Twenty-ninth street was paved from Leavenworth to Hickory street in the same year for \$2.65, and the lowest price secured was on Fortieth street from Hamilton to Davenport, which was paved in two sections at \$2.48 and \$2.47%, respectively. In 1893 a still higher figure was reached and the property owners paid \$2.85 a yard or the pavement on Seventeenth street beween Davenport and Dodge. The cheapest exement laid that year was on Cuming treet between Thirtieth and Thirty-second, which cost \$2.51. Thirty-ninth street was paved from Davenport to Paream for \$2.57, and Thirty-sixth street from Dodge to Far-

nam for \$2.60. FIRST BLOW AT THE COMBINE.

This practically ended paving operations until Sherman avenue was paved by Hugh Murphy for \$2.07. A few intersections were payed in 1894 at prices ranging from \$2.45 to \$2.95, and then the Sherman avenue job struck the first effective blow at the com-bine. At that time it was alleged that Murphy would lose money on the contract but nevertheless the price has continued to go down. The first bids on South Sixteenth street this year knocked the price down to \$1.65. Then John Grant knocked off another shunk with his bid of \$1.44 9-10 on Farnam street, and Murphy made the last and lowest record on the Sixteenth street job.

The reduction in stone paving has been qually noticeable, but in this case the was not so long maintained. In 1883 Tenth street was paved from Douglas to Marcy street with Colorado sandstone for \$4.35 a yard. But this was the only district in which such a fancy figure was obtained. Farnam street was paved from Ninth to Fifteenth street in 1884 for \$3.44, and another district was paved for \$3.49, but in the following year the price dropped below the \$3 mark. The cost of stone pavement grad-ually decreased until in 1899, when the Sherman avenue payement from Ames avenue to Wirt street was laid for \$1.95. A number of pavements were laid at \$1.90 to \$2.05 as late as 1894, but in that year a new record was made on Tenth street from Mason to William street of \$1.59. The price still remains at very nearly this figure It is worthy of notice that asphalt is now

laid cheaper than any of the wooden block experiments that were put down between 1886 and 1890. The prices of wooden block varied from \$1.341/2 to \$1.89.

Bicyclist Runs Into a Woman. Last evening while the Salvation army was holding forth near the corner of Twelfth and Douglas streets, Martin Dinuzzo rode close to them on a bicycle. One of the soldiers thinking that he intended running into them grasped him by the arm and the young wheelman ran into Rosa Metzker, knocking her to the pavement. The woman was bruised about the face and sustained a sprained ankle. She was removed to her

Savanah Reed and Kittle Owens, notorious women of the east end, inveigled a rtockman from Kansas City Into their quarters man from Kansas City into their quarters at 111 North Ninth street yesterday afternoon and succeeded in fleecing him cut of 5. The stranger reported the matter to a patroliman and then disappeared to avoid letting the police ascertain his name. The two women were arrested, but not until a club had been used freely upon the head of the Owens woman, who refused to accompany the officers to the station.

home at 1711 Davenport street.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

William Smith and wife Alta, living on South Tenth street, were arrested last even-ing on a charge of malicious destruction of property. The trouble arose over a neighborhood row.

Prof. Gentry's dog and pony show will parade the streets at moon today, starting from the show grounds at Eighteenth and Farnam streets. The 100 or more dogs and ponies which comprise the collection will all participate.

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Yours truly

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